

Minutes of the Price River Water Users Meeting



Held pursuant to the call of the State Engineer in the Price Municipal Building, February 7, 1945 at the hour of 2:00 P.M.

The call of the State Engineers was read and the minutes of the Price River Water users meeting held February 7, 1944 was read, approved and accepted on motion by Mr. E. E. Peirce, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilson, motion upon being duly put was unanimously adopted.

Motion by Mr. Peirce to appoint Mr. George W. Waterman to act as chairman, seconded by Mr. Theodore Edur, motion upon being duly put was unanimously adopted.

The State Engineer, Mr. Ed H. Watson being unable to attend the meeting was represented by his deputy, Mr. L. C. Monson.

The financial report of the 1944 budget was read by Mr. Monson and a motion to accept same as read was made by Mr. Wm. Marsing. Seconded by Mr. E. E. Peirce, motion upon duly put was unanimously adopted.

Next in line of business was the question of recommending a man to the State Engineer to act as River Commissioner for the year 1945. After a canvas of the various ditches of the project it was found that the Allred ditch was represented, Bryner Ploutz Ditch, Stowell Ditch, Pioneer No. 2. Independent Coal and Coke Company were represented by Mr. Robins. Cook Ditch, Pioneer no.1 and the Price River Conservation District were represented.

The following ditches had no representation. Wellington Canal Company, Price Water Company, Lind Ditch, O'Berto Ditch, Snyder Ditch, Spring Glen Canal, Gay Ditch, Cook Gorley Ditch and the Bryner Hansen Ditch.

Mr. William J. Blamey, Secretary of the Price River Adjudication Committee, stated that approximately three hundred cards were mailed to the water users on the Price River urging them to attend this meeting to hear the various reports and make recommendations to the State Engineer for the appointment of a River Commissioner.

Mr. Enoch Bryner nominated Mr. William Robb. Mr. William Marsing nominating Mr. William J. Blamey. No further nominations were presented.

A discussion was held as to how they should vote. Mr. E. E. Peirce made a motion that the water users present vote as water users rather than the adjudication committee to recommend his appointment. At this time there was some discussion as to the question whether or not there were enough water users present to recommend a River Commissioner.

The chairman distributed the ballots among the users and on the first ballot it was a tie. (Mr. William Robb, being a farmer and water user and having a right to vote for himself which he did). On the second ballot one more water user arrived, second ballot showing twelve votes for Mr. Robb and eleven votes for Mr. Blamey.

It was motioned by Mr. E. E. Peirce that the State Engineer, Mr. Watson notify the chairman, Mr. George W. Waterman, as soon as possible what decision was made. This motion was seconded by Mr. James Bryner, motion being put was unanimously adopted.

Motion by Mr. Moroni Hunt, seconded by Noah Potter, that if the State Engineer does not feel like appointing Mr. Robb that he appoint Mr. William J. Blamey as River Commissioner to save the water users having to be called together again.

Mr. James Bryner brought up the question regarding pay for the members of the adjudication committee for attending meetings.

Mr. Orson Marsing advised Mr. Bryner that the farmers have never paid anyone any salary or mileage on the adjudication committee since this organization. It was moved by Mr. Marsing, seconded by Mr. E. E. Peirce that no pay be allowed. The motion was put and was unanimously adopted.

Motion was adjourned by Mr. Kenneth Wilson, seconded by Mr. Mathis, duly put and was unanimously adopted.

H. J. Blamey  
Secretary, Price River Adjudication Committee

Noted,  
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